(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the units have obtained Finance for rehabilitation of sick units in 1994-95?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY): (a) and (b) Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) has reported that it has been operating a refinance scheme for rehabilitation of sick small scale industrial (SSI) units. The scheme *inter alia* envisages that potentially viable units in the SSI sector conforming to the definition of sick unit and meeting viability norms would be eligible for rehabilitation refinance from SIDBI. The period of repayment of rehabilitation loan is fixed on a case to case basis, depending upon debt service coverage ratio (DSCR) and the maximum repayment period of loan shall not exceed 10 years.

(c) SIDBI has reported that it has sanctioned Rs. 3.78 crores and disbursed Rs. 1.35 crores to 77 sick SSI units during the financial year 1994-95.

Financial Institutions to reduce their stake in equity holdings

6907. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government will constitute a committee of Secretaries to examine proposals to set some general principles for financial institutions to reduce their stake in equity holdings;

(b) if so, by when such a committee will be constituted; and

(c) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY): (a) No such proposal is under consideration at present.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Financial Institutions (FIs) follow their own policies as regards disinvestment of their shareholdings in industrial concerns. It may, however, be added that Government had in May 1990 issued guidelines relating to transactions in shares by FIs in order to make such transactions more open and transparent.

World Bank Policy in India

6908. SHRI O. P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether in a major policy shift the new World Bank President has said that instead of financing dams and other big development projects in the third world the Bank will focus more on private investments; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto and the likely impact of this new World Bank policy on India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY): (a) and (b) The question relates to an article in the New York Times of April 27, 1995, which had reported Mr. Wolfensohn's emphasis on an advisory role and on private investment.

Mr. James B. Wolfensohn, the President designate, World Bank is to join World Bank with effect from June 1, 1995 in place of late Mr. Aewis T. Preston. Mr. Wolfensohn, when approached on the news item clarified that he is still a long way from being ready to lay out his vision of the Bank.

Advisory Committee of RBI

6909. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether RBI has an advisory Committee;

(b) whether any representatives or votaries of the small scale sector are included in the Advisory Committee; and

(c) the details of the constitution of this Advisory Committee?